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State Health Department Schedules Opportunity for the Public to Learn About and Comment on Emergency Preparedness Activities

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health has scheduled a public meeting to educate the general public about emergency preparedness activities and provide opportunity for public comment. The meeting will be held June 4, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. CST. The meeting will be based in Bismarck, but the public will be able to participate through teleconference by dialing 1.866.888.3385. The public also can participate through videoconference at participating local public health units throughout the state where videoconference is available, or the meeting can be accessed online via live web cast.

“Extensive use of the public health and medical response systems have been successfully used in the last several years in response to flooding, tornadoes and other weather emergencies,” said Tim Wiedrich, Section Chief of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Section of the North Dakota Department of Health. “This meeting will give people a chance to learn about the work that has been done and give us feedback.”

The meeting will start with a presentation highlighting the planning that has been done and will conclude with time for comments. To participate in this meeting, contact your local public health unit or call the toll-free phone number at the time of the meeting. To access the web cast online, follow these instructions:

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For more information about this public meeting, contact Tim Wiedrich, North Dakota Department of Health, at 701.328.2270.

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